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ARMY RECRUITING ENLISTMENT INCENTIVES INCREASE

FT. SNELLING, MN - Command Sergeant Major Leo Barrington Jr, senior Army recruiter in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, announced the U.S. Army has just approved a significant increase in several cash enlistment bonus programs.

"Having enlisted back in 1977, I can attest to the fact that we have never had available the cash bonuses and benefits our Army recruiters can offer 17- to-34 year-old's today. Almost all our incentive programs have now been approved for an increase and are offered to young men and women who want to jump-start their careers, develop leadership skills, or further their education," Barrington said.

"Qualified applicants holding bachelors degrees can now earn \$8,000 for enlisting. Associate or two-year degree holders can earn \$7,000," explains Barrington. "Qualified high school graduates with 60 or more college semester hours can qualify for a \$6,000 bonus, and those with 30 to 59 college semester hours can earn \$3,000 for joining the U. S. Army."

"For those who qualify, there is an enlistment bonus of up to \$6,000 for enlisting in critical jobs for three or more years and reporting to basic training by Sept. 27. The bonus is up to \$9,000 for some high priority jobs. Those who already have civilian skills that the Army needs can receive a \$3,000 bonus."

The command sergeant major, who has worked in field artillery, military police, and began his career in Army recruiting in 1988, says, "The maximum combination of cash enlistment bonuses for a three-year enlistment has been increased to \$10,000 for most of the Army's more than 150 entry level jobs and to \$15,000 for some high priority jobs. Previously, the maximum total for three-year bonuses had been \$6,000."

"These cash enlistment incentives can be combined with either the Army's Loan Repayment Program or the Army College Fund, but not both. The Loan Repayment Program can repay up to \$65,000 in qualifying student loans, and the Army College Fund offers up to \$70,000 for higher education," added Barrington.

"To learn more about Army opportunities contact your local Army recruiter or log on to goarmy.com for details," invited Barrington.